

House Resolution No. 853

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to bringing the past alive for the benefit of current and future citizens; and

Whereas, the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City has attained considerable distinction as an organization whose members are devoted to the study of history; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City will commemorate the placement of a historical marker located at First Street and Main Street in Platte City to honor one of the area's founding fathers, William McClung Paxton; and

Whereas, William Paxton was one of many settlers from Kentucky who established Platte City in 1839 after the Platte Purchase; and

Whereas, William Paxton developed and maintained an exceptional reputation as an attorney, merchant, farmer, mill operator, abstractor, banker, public administrator, genealogist, historian, poet, and civic leader; and

Whereas, born on March 2, 1819, in Mason County, William Paxton settled in what was then known as Martinsville and is now known as Platte City before traveling to Kentucky in 1840 to wed the former Mary Forman.

Whereas, William Paxton returned to Platte County with his bride who supported his diverse endeavors as a Presbyterian, Mason, and author of the "Annals of Platte County," a leading reference since 1897 for County history, genealogies of noted families, and sketches of pioneers and other distinguished people; and

Whereas, William Paxton died on July 21, 1916, after having witnessed the evolution of Platte County from a pristine wilderness to a modern civilization:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the members, officers, history, and accomplishments associated with the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations as they place the organization's first historical marker in Platte County; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason Brown
District No. 30

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 853, adopted March 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker